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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PERFORMING CATHETER-BASED  
ANNULOPLASTY USING LOCAL  
PILCATIONS

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**AMENDMENT AND  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In response to the Advisory Action mailed November 9, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.